(b) The study has found that ground water levels in Kaladera area in Rajasthan are declining due to ground water withdrawal and that it forms parts of over-exploited Govindgarh block of Jaipur district.

(c) Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) has issued guidelines for regulation of withdrawal of ground water in over-exploited, critical and semi-critical areas.

Programme for flood control

†2474. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to formulate a comprehensive programme for carrying the water from frequently, flooded **parts** of the country and surplus water flowing in rivers to drought prone areas and also to control floods in vast areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Water Resources (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) and Central Water Commission formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980. The NPP comprises of two components *viz.* (i) Peninsular Rivers Development and (ii) Himalayan Rivers Development and envisages construction of storages on various river systems along with interlinking canal systems to transfer water from water surplus areas to water deficit regions. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up in 1982 to study the feasibility of Interbasin water transfer proposals and give a concrete shape to NPP. The Inter-linking proposals under NPP" envisages additional benefits of 25 million ha. of irrigation from surface waters, 10 million ha. by increased use of ground waters and generation of 34,000 MW of power apart from the incidental benefits of flood moderation, navigation, water supply, salinity and pollution control etc.

Based on various studies conducted, NWDA has identified 30 links (16 links under Peninsular Component and 14 links under Himalayan Component) for preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs). Out of these, FRs of 14 links under Peninsular Component and 2 links (Indian portion) under Himalayan Component have already been completed. NWDA has taken up the work of Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for one priority link viz. Ken—Betwa under Peninsular Component.

Survey of Pancheshwar Project

†2475. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether joint survey of Pancheshwar Project has been completed;

(b) if not, by when it will be completed;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.